

KING COUNTY ALCOHOLISM AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE
ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD

REGULAR MEETING

June 17, 2003

Members Present: Joan Clement, Nancy Code, Roger Goodman, Jim Harbaugh, Larry Hill (awaiting Council confirmation), Bob Seidensticker, Kim Murrillio, Yasmin Smith

Members Excused: Linda Brown, Pam Detrick, Scott Strawn (on leave of absence)

Staff Present: Rhoda Naguit, Jim Vollendroff

Guests Present: Ramona Graham, Center for Human Services; Pat Knox, Recovery Centers of King County; Ella McHenry, Central Youth and Family Services; Ken Nicholas, Community Psychiatric Clinic-Bridgeway Recovery

In lieu of Board Chair Linda Brown, who was out of town, Vice Chair Nancy Code convened the regular meeting of the King County Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Administrative Board (KCASAAB) at 12:01 p.m. The meeting was held at the conference room of the Dutch Shisler Sobering Service Center.

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Vice -Chair Nancy Code welcomed everyone and then asked everyone to introduce him/herself.

II. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Bob Seidensticker made a motion, which was seconded by Jim Harbaugh, to approve the May 13, 2003 joint board meeting minutes as submitted. The motion passed and was unanimously approved.

Jim Harbaugh made a motion and seconded by Bob Seidensticker to accept the minutes from the May 8, 2003 Planning Retreat. The motion passed and was unanimously approved.

III. AGENCY PRESENTATION

A. Center for Human Services

Ramona Graham, Substance Abuse Program Manager for Center for Human Services, described the core services provided by their agency. These include chemical dependency, mental health and Family Support Center. A summary

description of these service programs was handed out at the meeting. Their facility is located at 17018-15th Avenue NE in Shoreline. For the past 30 years, this non-profit organization has been providing quality services to thousands of individuals and families with chemical dependency problems, family stress, school problems, adjusting to new culture and all types of personal conflict. The agency has four bilingual staff serving Hispanic clients and they give incentives to their staff to learn a second language. Currently, they have 41 full time employees, and several contractual employees. There were 140 adults and 90 youths with substance abuse problems served last year.

The agency's funding sources are the City of Shoreline, the City of Lake Forest Park, King County-Snohomish County, the City of Seattle, the State of Washington and several private donations, foundations and grants.

Joan Clement commended CHS, particularly the front office staff, for a superb job done during the transition period of transferring clients from Stonewall Recovery Center to their program. Jim Vollendroff stated that the Seattle Counseling Services (SCS) has been certified by State DASA as a Chemical Dependency Provider. SCS is presently hiring CD staff and is now ready to take over these clients from CHS. He also thanked CHS and its staff for a work well done.

B. Central Youth & Family Services

Copies of the Agency Performance Report for 2002 containing a summary of programs provided by the agency were handed out. Ella McHenry briefly described the core services provided by the agency, including the co-occurring disorders services, the newest addition to their services, which was made available to their clients in March of 2003.

She showed an excerpt of the video put together by the Special Population Alliance featuring the Adolescent Treatment Enhancement Program.

Both agency representatives responded to inquiries from board members on issues pertaining to evaluation and tracking tools used for individual clients to measure its successes. Jim said that client satisfaction report is another tool to measure the effectiveness of services.

IV. CHAIR'S REPORT

A. Board Recruitment

Rhoda Naguit reported that Larry Hill's nomination for board appointment has been approved by the King County Executive and forwarded to the King County Council confirmation. The Councilmember of his district had already introduced

his appointment to the Law, Justice, and Human Services Committee. He will be invited to appear before the Committee in July or August 2003.

Bob Seidensticker is following up another prospective board applicant, Darryl Swenson.

B. Board Liaison Report

- **Joan Clement: Chronic Population Advisory Council (CPAC)**

At the most recent CPAC meeting, Roger Goodman reported on beer excise tax; there was a discussion on housing for homeless, a presentation about Pathway program by Rose Soo Hoo and John Karlson, and a report on High Utilizers by Jodi Riley-Kauer.

- **Yasmin Smith, CD Youth Providers Meeting**

At the CD Youth Providers Meeting, Steve Bogan spoke about available treatment facilities for youth, and a discussion on detox issues, particularly the issue of joint detox beds for youth and adult. Robert Calahan was there to respond to questions about accommodation.

- **Nancy Code: Children and Family Commission**

The commission and its business partners have created a website showing all agencies that are participating in their program. It is not a King County website. Nancy encouraged the board members to check it out. The website address is: <http://www.portaltopartners.org/dev/>

- **Roger Goodman, Legislative Advocacy and Public Affairs Committee**

At the May 27th meeting of the committee, there were questions raised on how the committee functions in relationship to its leadership structure. These issues will be further discussed at the next meeting on June 25th. The committee has many activities lined up for the remaining months of the year. One upcoming event is the Exemplary Service Award in October. An Executive Proclamation will be made for that event. The annual Joint Legislative Forum will be held in November, before the week of Thanksgiving. The committee will formulate the agenda for this event. Details of the planning of these events will be discussed at the next meeting.

V. COUNTY COORDINATOR REPORT

A. RFP Process

Jim Vollendroff announced that the RFPs to be released are for Adult, ADATSA and Youth Treatment only. He decided to delay the release of the Detox RFI due to internal workload. The RFP process is on track. Currently, we cannot send copies of the RFP electronically because King County Procurement requires that we limit copies released.

On July 15 at 10am, a pre-proposal meeting for adult outpatient treatment will be held at the Exchange Building, 3rd Floor Board Room. Review of proposals will be done between August 14-September 12, 2003.

B. 2003-2005 Biennium Contract

The funding level for the 2003-2005 contract from the Division of Alcohol and Substance Abuse is the same as the last biennium in most part. A \$1.5 million funding under the Sentencing Reform Act has been added to provide case management and residential services for drug court clients. King County, together with Snohomish, Spokane, Pierce, and Thurston counties did not get funding for methadone services for women in the jail. This funding was awarded to smaller counties. The absence of TANF funding from Economic Services Administration will impact our budget. The final decision on this funding will probably be known by July. Funding for Treatment Alternatives to Street Crime (TASC) program is not in the current budget. In the 2003-2005 legislative session, TASC funding was decreased to \$2 million for the biennium. After a year, funding for TASC will be evaluated. TASC in King County is closing shop at the beginning of next year. There are five more TASC offices in other counties. The Division succeeded in keeping the King County TASC funding in spite of its closure.

Bob Seidensticker expressed the need to lobby for funding for King County TASC. Jim stated that this year, TASC of King County did not join the lobbying efforts.

C. Prevention

Jim thanked the board members who participated in the review of Prevention RFP. The response was overwhelming. There were more requests than they were able to fund. A total of 18 awards were granted with 5 awarded to agencies that have current contract with us. Over 75% of the programs funded will go to fund programs designated as best practice.

D. CJ Implementation Group

Dave Murphy has been hired as the coordinator to implement the Criminal Justice Initiative. He is a fine choice to head this program considering his vast experiences in criminal justice system. Jail Health has not been certified by the State DASA to provide methadone services. The methadone vouchers will be given out to the community.

E. Recovery Month

September is Chemical Dependency Recovery Month. The Division is coordinating the promotional aspect of the CD Screening Day. Jim will hand out flyers and other informational materials about the Screening Day at the Adult Providers meeting tomorrow. Other means to promote this annual event is through radio ad and bus ad. He asked assistance from the Board in putting together a radio ad and distributing flyers.

F. Title XIX Update

Jim shared good news about a major change in the Medicaid billing requirement. Effective July 1, 2003, the Division of Alcohol and Substance Abuse would allow Chemical Dependency Professionals (CDPs) the ability to sign off on the "written recommendation for treatment by a health care practitioner" required by Medicaid regulations.

In the past, for a Title XIX Medicaid client to receive chemical dependency treatment, the client must get a written recommendation from a licensed health care practitioner functioning within the scope of their practice under state law. Contracted treatment providers must have signed documentation within each client file of the licensed health care practitioner's recommendation for chemical dependency treatment.

This change in Title XIX Medicaid billing requirement is a welcome change indeed because the former requirement is costly and challenging for several agencies to comply. CDPs will be added to the listing of health care practitioners in the Medicaid contracts that are able to make the written recommendation for treatment. This does not apply to CDPs trainees.

G. CD Report Card

A new set of Division staff has been formed to put together a CD report card. The report card has been re-formatted and re-designed. It will look into completion rate while factoring with clients. DASA will have the form for treatment completion rate by October of this year. Jim assured the board that the report card will be a beneficial document.

H. Family Treatment Court Program

This program works with courts, where the Division of Children and Family Services refers clients. Jim described some of the services under this program. One of the benefits of this project is that children are reunited with their families thus keeping kids out of foster homes or needing less time with foster parents.

I. Grant Update

The Division of Alcohol and Substance Abuse (DASA) is providing three to four full time (FTE) Chemical Dependency Professionals in the Emergency Department of Harborview Medical Center. This project will identify trauma patients and provide them with brief intervention and preventative counseling.

Currently, we have Caroline Bacon working on site in the Crisis Triage Unit. She links clients to the chemical dependency delivery system and refers them to an appropriate level of care.

VI. OTHER COMMUNITY & BOARD CONCERNS/NEW BUSINESS

A. Meth Brown Bag

Jim Vollendroff served as a panelist for a Brown Bag meeting sponsored by the Seattle City Council last June 11, 2003. He presented a 10-minute briefing to the City Council members on Meth Initiative focusing in the areas of prevention and treatment. Roger commended Jim for a well-done presentation at this meeting.

B. Prevention Working Group

Roger Goodman extended his invitation to the board members to attend a meeting on Thursday, June 19th at 4:00 p.m., sponsored by the King County Bar Association's Prevention Working Group. This will be held at the law offices of Riddell Williams, Suite 4500, 1001 4th Avenue in downtown Seattle. A DASA staff will give an update on the State Incentive Grant Program. In addition, the Prevention Working Group will take a closer look at the barriers in implementing science-based prevention programs that have been identified at previous meetings.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Prepared by:

Attested by:

Rhoda A. Naguit
Recording Secretary

Nancy Code
Board Vice Chair